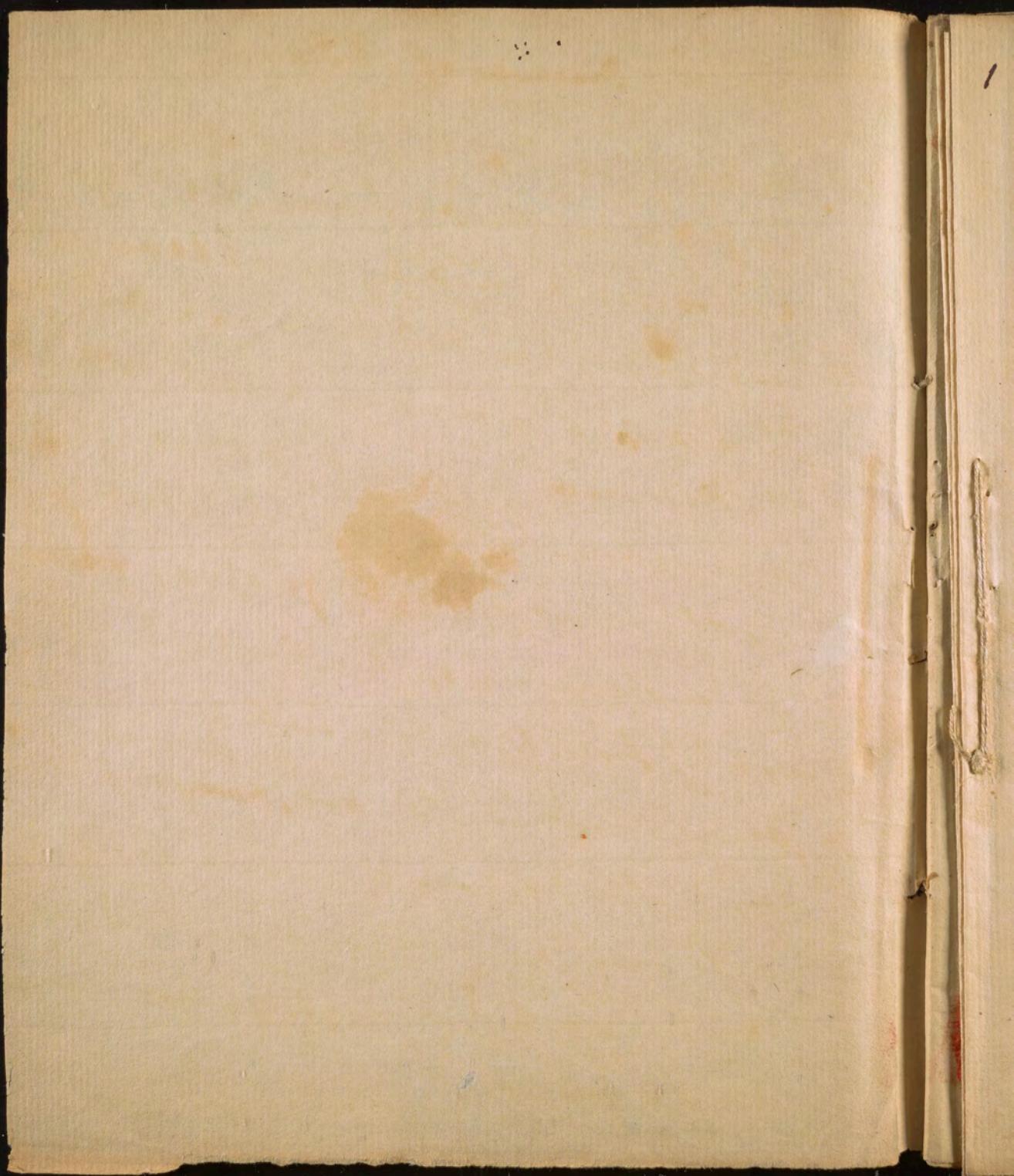


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on the diseases and disorders of  
children.



## Diseases of Children

In every part of the Science of Medicine as we find it in the Old School, we meet with errors sanctioned by time & custom un-  
-rueable for age and bursing. One of these errors is, that we know nothing of the diseases of children, and that all our prescriptions for them, when successful, are the result of lucky guesses, ~~and~~ <sup>and this</sup> in consequence of their inability to inform us by Speech of their seats and pains. I deny this to be the case. <sup>On the contrary I believe</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>I</sup> assert further, that other diseases are more easily known, and more easily cured than the diseases of grown people. My reasons for this <sup>opinion</sup> are as follow.

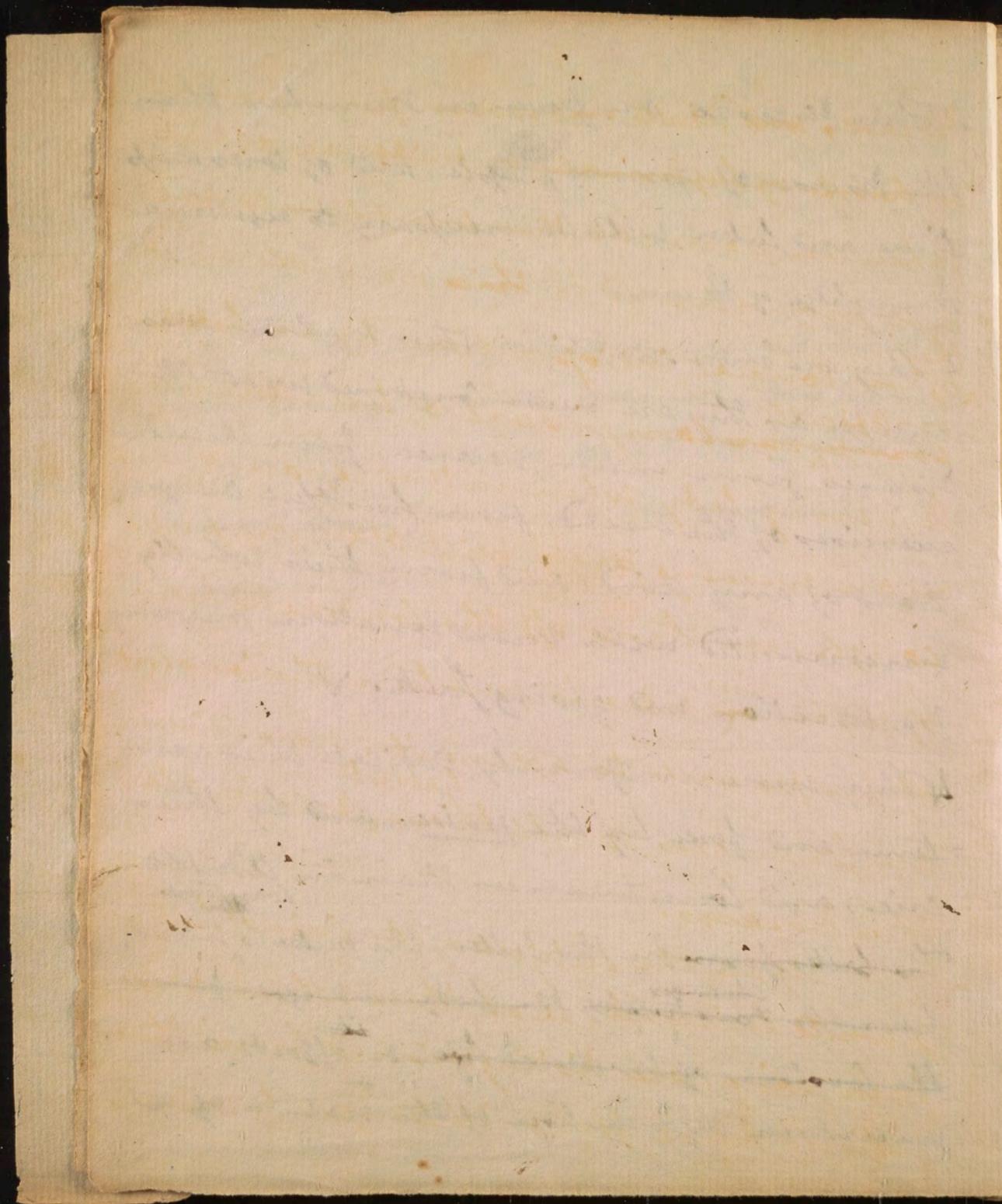
3 The diseases of Children are attended  
more generally with premonitory signs  
than the Diseases of Adults. I menti-  
-oned <sup>them</sup> ~~these~~ formerly in our lectures  
upon fever. —

1 Their diseases are fewer in number than the diseases of grown people, and of course less time and labor will be necessary to acquire a knowledge of them.

2 They are more simple in their nature, inasmuch as they are never combined with the diseases from infirmity, from the undue exercises of the mind, from hurtful occupations of any kind, and from their wholly unconnected with menstruation, pregnancy, parturition and giving birth. V

3 They more uniformly indicate their existence and force, by the pulse, and by their cries, and countenances than in Adults.

The latter ~~form~~ <sup>sometimes</sup> in the latter, the pulse is silent, from the <sup>changes</sup> ~~restraint~~ the body undergoes from the customs of civilised life, or <sup>it</sup> affords an uncertain information of the nature of a.



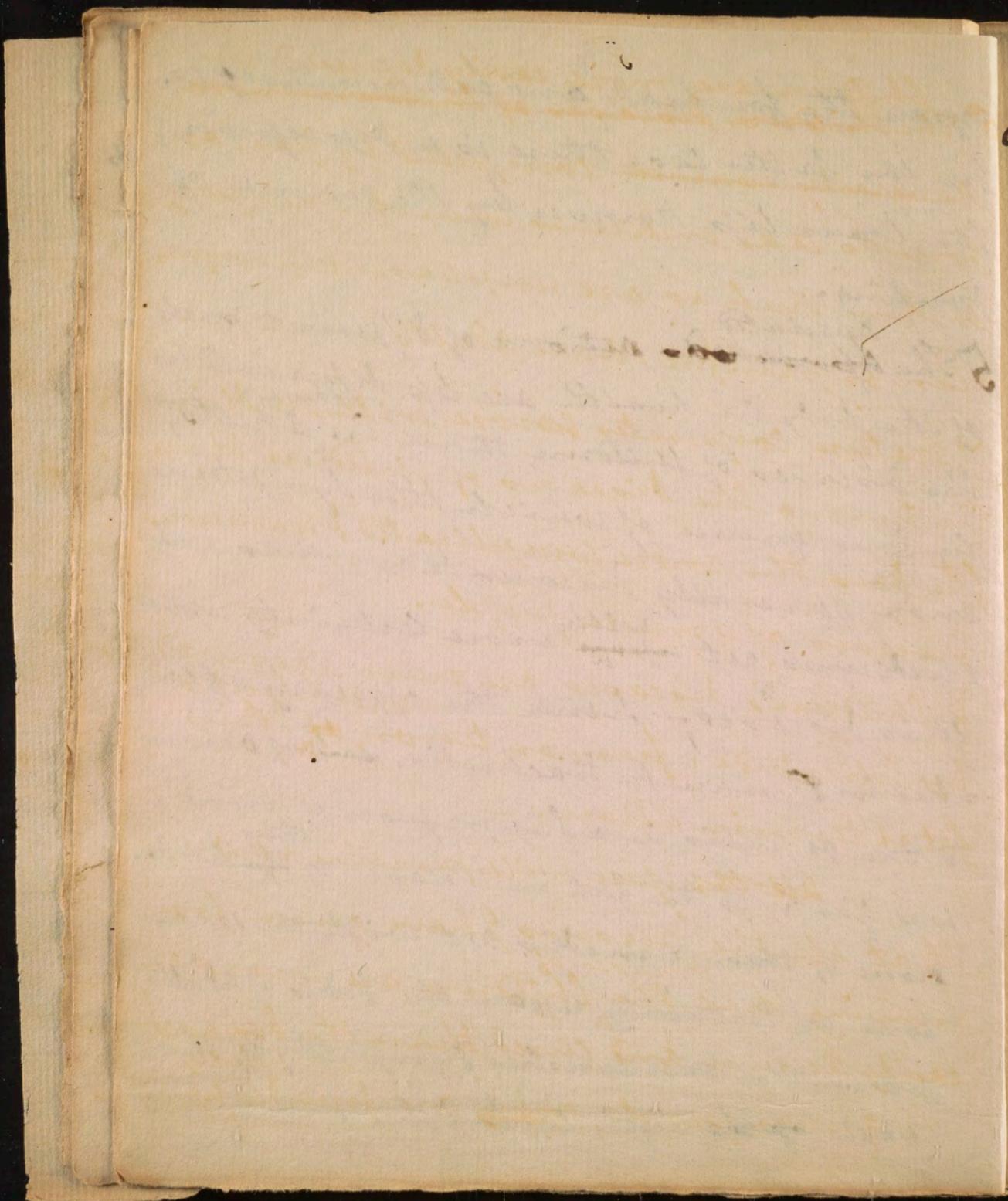
Disease, and Adults moreover from fortitude  
 or habits of self despatch or pride are silent  
 when in pain, or their complaints are  
 not proportioned to ~~this~~ its violence &  
 they often conceal indisposition by an habitual  
 or affected ~~composure~~ composure of countenance.  
 A young lady when intent upon a dance  
 or an evening party, will often suppress a  
 cough, or throw off the contracted brow  
 of pain <sup>in</sup> order to procure the consent  
 of her parents to attend it. now Children  
 are strangers to all these <sup>habits</sup> Arts in all  
 their diseases.

Upon the Subject of the Cries of Children  
 I would remark, that those which arise  
 from pain, are distinguished from those  
 which arise from ill temper by wrinkles

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upon the forehead, and between the eyes.  
In the latter case there is a depression of  
the lower lip known by the name of  
Pouting.

5 The ~~epipathic~~ actions of different parts  
of the body in health are less dispensed in  
the diseases of children than in <sup>those of</sup> adults,  
in consequence of which, their symptoms  
more generally discover themselves, and  
remedies act <sup>with</sup> more certainty upon  
this disease, — hence the efficacy of eme-  
-tis in *Cynanche trachialis*, and of onions  
to the *os pubis* in a suppression of urine,  
and garlic to the gut in diseases of the head.  
None of those remedies act with the same  
force or certainty upon the bodies of adults,  
from the diminished sympathy of those  
parts ~~of the~~ with each other.

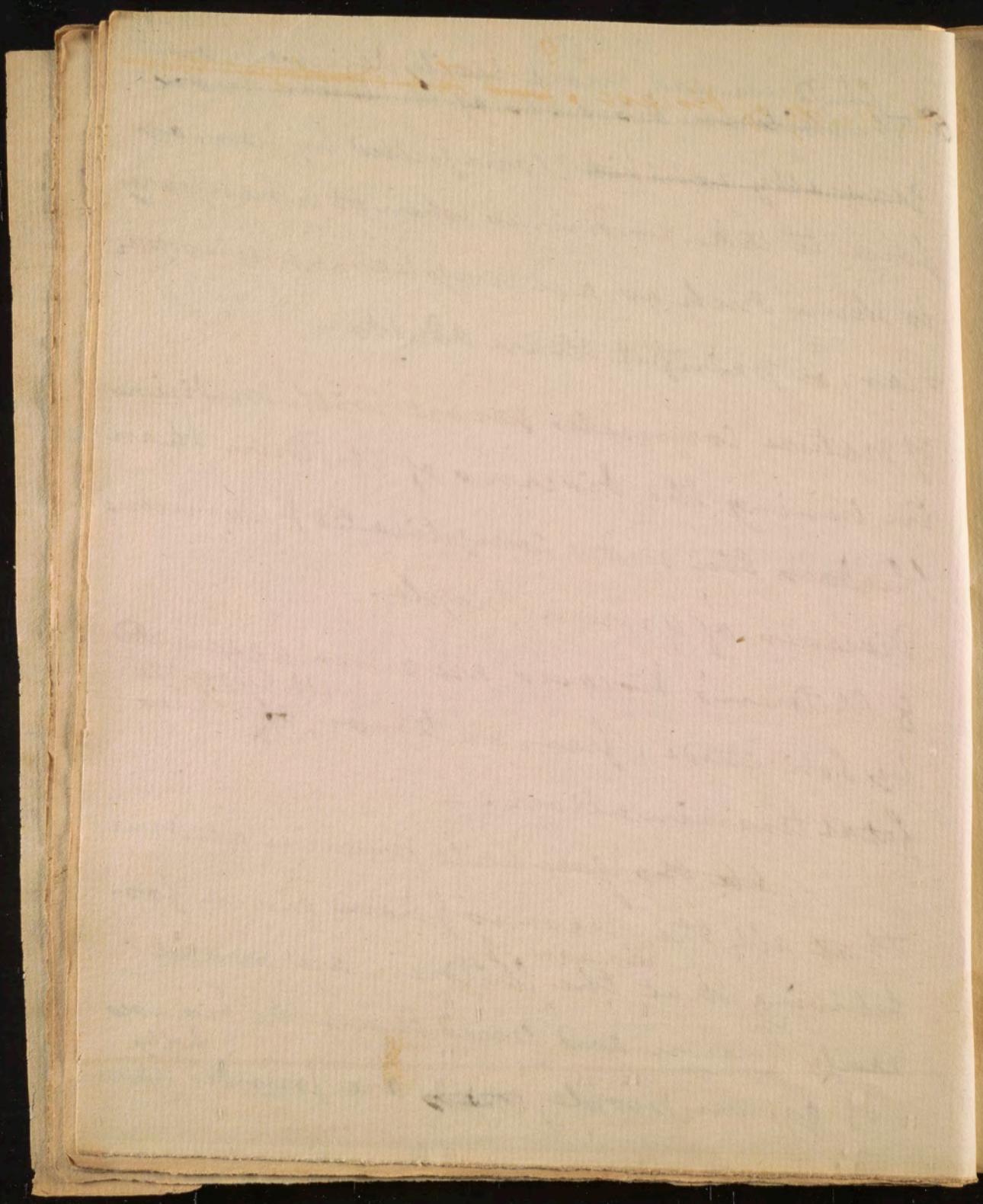


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6 Children are more easily deceived, or  
The children diseases of children more  
generally exhibit compelled by fear, or  
force to take medicines when it is necessary  
to them such as are unpleasant, unpopu-  
lar, or painful than adults.

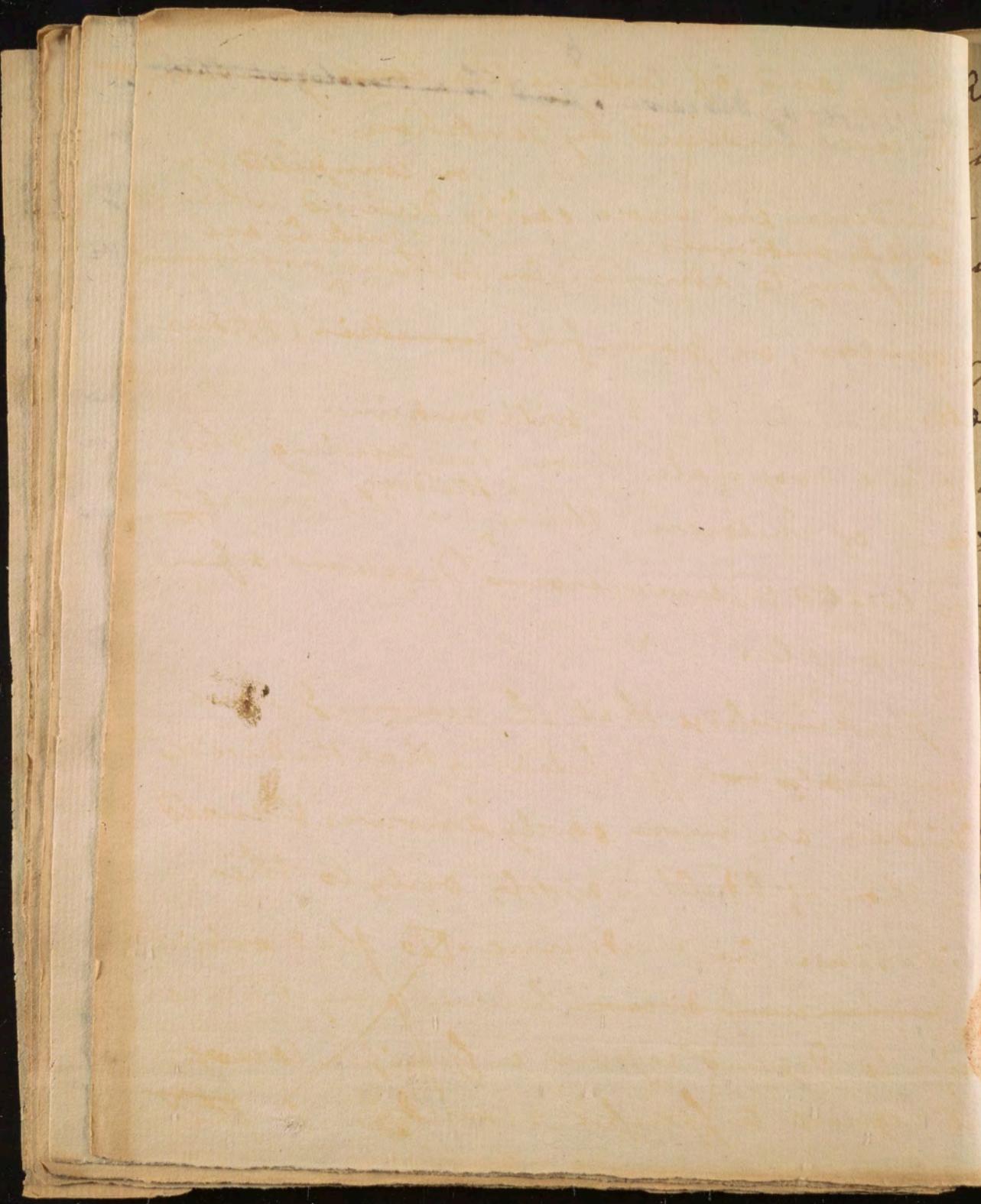
7 Nature corporates herself with medicine  
in curing the diseases of children, than  
she does the more complicated & numerous  
diseases of grown people.

8 Children's diseases are never aggravated  
by Sollicitude, fear, or terror, <sup>with respect to</sup> ~~at~~ their  
fatal termination. —

~~all the~~ You will perceive at once  
that all the reasons I have given for  
believing that the <sup>Diseases of</sup> children are more  
easily known and cured than the diseases  
of grown people, ~~which~~ are founded upon



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The Unity of disease, and The etiologist theory



action, and of cutting the teeth, & gums in  
diseases induced by Dentition.

Children are more easily <sup>or compelled by</sup> derived when it  
is necessary to administer to them <sup>such as are</sup> unpleasant,  
unpopular, or painful remedies, than  
adults.

With medicine  
nature cooperates more in curing the  
diseases of Children, than in the most  
complicated & numerous Diseases of  
grown people. — V

I acknowledge that the reasons I have  
ever ~~apply~~ <sup>had</sup> for believing that the Diseases  
of Children are more easily known & cured  
than those of Adults, apply only to the  
initiation in medicine. To the ~~physiologist~~  
~~no~~ ~~wishes~~ ~~every~~ ~~disease~~ ~~believes~~ ~~any~~ ~~disease~~  
pains to depend upon a specific cause,  
to require a specific remedy. To the

✓ congenital diseases & disorders men-  
tioned formerly, I shall mention one  
more - viz impurified bowels - ~~to~~  
~~to~~ ~~to~~ I have seen one instance  
in which the impurities extended but  
an inch or two in the rectum & I have  
heard of another <sup>which</sup> extended from the  
rectum to the stomach. Dr Durlap.

+ They are sometimes affected <sup>with</sup> Jaundice  
soon after birth from obstructed bile. Dr Pinson  
says he saw Death induced in 10 out of 11  
children by this disease in London. The  
darker the yellow color, the greater the danger.  
I have seldom seen it fatal. Purges curit.

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of Children's Diseases and Accidents

most of these, have been included in the diseases of adults. I shall at present confine myself to such as have not been treated of in our previous lectures. In addition to the V.

1 ~~The first~~ <sup>sometimes</sup> ~~dis~~ Children often expire immediately after birth from suffocation from the liquor amnii insinuating itself into the trachea. For this I know of no cure. When they are unable to birth from other <sup>causes</sup> ~~angus~~ - blowing into ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> <sup>2d</sup> <sup>3d</sup> <sup>4th</sup> <sup>5th</sup> <sup>6th</sup> <sup>7th</sup> <sup>8th</sup> <sup>9th</sup> <sup>10th</sup> <sup>11th</sup> <sup>12th</sup> <sup>13th</sup> <sup>14th</sup> <sup>15th</sup> <sup>16th</sup> <sup>17th</sup> <sup>18th</sup> <sup>19th</sup> <sup>20th</sup> <sup>21st</sup> <sup>22nd</sup> <sup>23rd</sup> <sup>24th</sup> <sup>25th</sup> <sup>26th</sup> <sup>27th</sup> <sup>28th</sup> <sup>29th</sup> <sup>30th</sup> <sup>31st</sup> <sup>32nd</sup> <sup>33rd</sup> <sup>34th</sup> <sup>35th</sup> <sup>36th</sup> <sup>37th</sup> <sup>38th</sup> <sup>39th</sup> <sup>40th</sup> <sup>41st</sup> <sup>42nd</sup> <sup>43rd</sup> <sup>44th</sup> <sup>45th</sup> <sup>46th</sup> <sup>47th</sup> <sup>48th</sup> <sup>49th</sup> <sup>50th</sup> <sup>51st</sup> <sup>52nd</sup> <sup>53rd</sup> <sup>54th</sup> <sup>55th</sup> <sup>56th</sup> <sup>57th</sup> 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3 Children are born with abigament of the tongue of an undue length. The remedy



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is cutting it with a pair of round ended Scissars.  
Mr. Pettit forbids cutting it too soon after birth,  
— for in so doing the tongue is thrown back  
so as to chock the Child in Sucking. <sup>It may be done</sup> Any time  
before it is 3 months old. —

4 The Red gun is <sup>which is</sup> an evagination on <sup>the</sup> skin of red spots. It <sup>gradually</sup> goes off of itself.

of red spots. It goes off by itself. —  
5 spine Riffda is generally fatal. — Said to be  
used by a constie. —

6 Aphæo, - ~~so~~ is the effect of a fever from the action of the air & aliment on the body. It is cured by gentle purges, & "Hæmœlæs & water" in an early stage ~~so as to keep the mind~~ 7 milk in the breast. ~~so~~ It is common to squeeze the nipples in order to discharge the milk from them. Jones saw a tumor which required extirpation thus induced. It is much better to cure it by discentent plasters & liniments. This should be relieved

V intusception of the bowels than adults.  
It ~~has~~ has been proposed to obviate the bellyache  
& all the stomach & boweldriving pains of  
children by reverting them living upon  
breast milk. But this proposal is founded  
upon an erroneous opinion of the natural  
change induced ~~by~~ upon the milk <sup>in</sup> the  
child; stomach. It is supposed to be  
turned, or decomposed by an acid & in  
the stomachs of ~~children~~. This is inferred from  
its being pushed up in an apparently curdled  
state. But some late experiments made  
by Dr Clark & published in the ~~Transactions~~  
<sup>of the Dublin Society</sup>  
-actions prove that the children push  
up the cream or oily part of the milk  
only, and not its <sup>Chasy part</sup> of ~~cream~~ of course that  
it is not ~~unpleasantly~~ decomposed turned  
or decomposed by an acid as it is out  
of the body. The Dr proved further

informed me she had ~~known~~ observed infants to be most subject to this complaint in stormy weather & boys to be more subject to it than girls. The children are more subject to an I costiveness. Remedies are made and Syrups of Rhubarb & Injections. —

10 Dentition. Its symptoms are vomiting, diarrhoea, fever, startings, convulsions, swelling & sores behind the ears, tremors in the neck and groin, and according to Dr. Underwood a gonorrhœa. The Remedies for all these complaints should be bleeding, cutting the Gums, purges, cool air, and Laudanum when there is danger of convulsions. —

11 Child cutaneous eruptions, especially behind  
the ears. I spoke of the Remedies for them  
formerly. They shd never be applied without  
pricking afterwards.

12 I have sometimes met with warts on  
the tongues of children - of a spiny nature.  
- They are easily cured by excision.

13 Children are sometimes unable to make water from the prostate, growing over the

that human milk is much less disposed  
to turn down out of the body than  
has been supposed. He kept some of it  
<sup>two</sup> years in a warm place without its  
turning sour, and cows with kept  
under the same circumstances became  
sour in a few days. <sup>Upon</sup> ~~against~~ the practice  
of bringing up children by the hand <sup>as it is</sup> called, I would observe further, that <sup>it has been</sup>  
~~such~~ <sup>children are more subject to</sup> ~~such~~ <sup>die</sup> cut off by acute Diseases than such as  
are enfeebled, and that when they live to  
be Adults, they are seldom long lived. In  
~~Julian~~ <sup>children</sup> ~~Julian~~ Dr. Livil says <sup>drink but 3, or 4</sup> ~~drink~~ <sup>perhaps five</sup> days, and hence he says few ~~live to be~~  
longer than between 50 & 60 years of age  
in that Island. I can say nothing in <sup>support of</sup> ~~support of~~  
this remark ~~because~~ <sup>from</sup> my own observations.  
Accidity in the prime ~~age~~ <sup>is</sup>, it will be  
corrected by the diet of the Nurse - that is  
by animal food, & avoiding ~~certain~~ <sup>the</sup> vegetables &c.

glands penis, so as to obstruct the urethra  
urinaria. Its remedy is circumcision —

14 <sup>male children</sup> from playing with the penis, or  
from hurts are subject to Boys Paraphymosis.  
Its remedies are - cold water - dead water - <sup>gentle</sup> the  
compression with the hand, & priges.

15 Prolapsus ani. To be retained by a warm in-  
cloutte - or the thumb - and retained by  
also astringent applications confined by a  
bandage. —

16 Children suffer greatly from swallowing  
pins, or from needles insinuating themselves  
into their flesh. Mr Boyle, <sup>do</sup> mentions  
obstinate sores from this cause. When they  
can ~~be~~ felt, shd always be extracted. Robert  
Morris; Son's case. Ringers on their heads  
go down of themselves.

17 Children suffer from falls, both in their  
heads & limbs. To prevent the former, they

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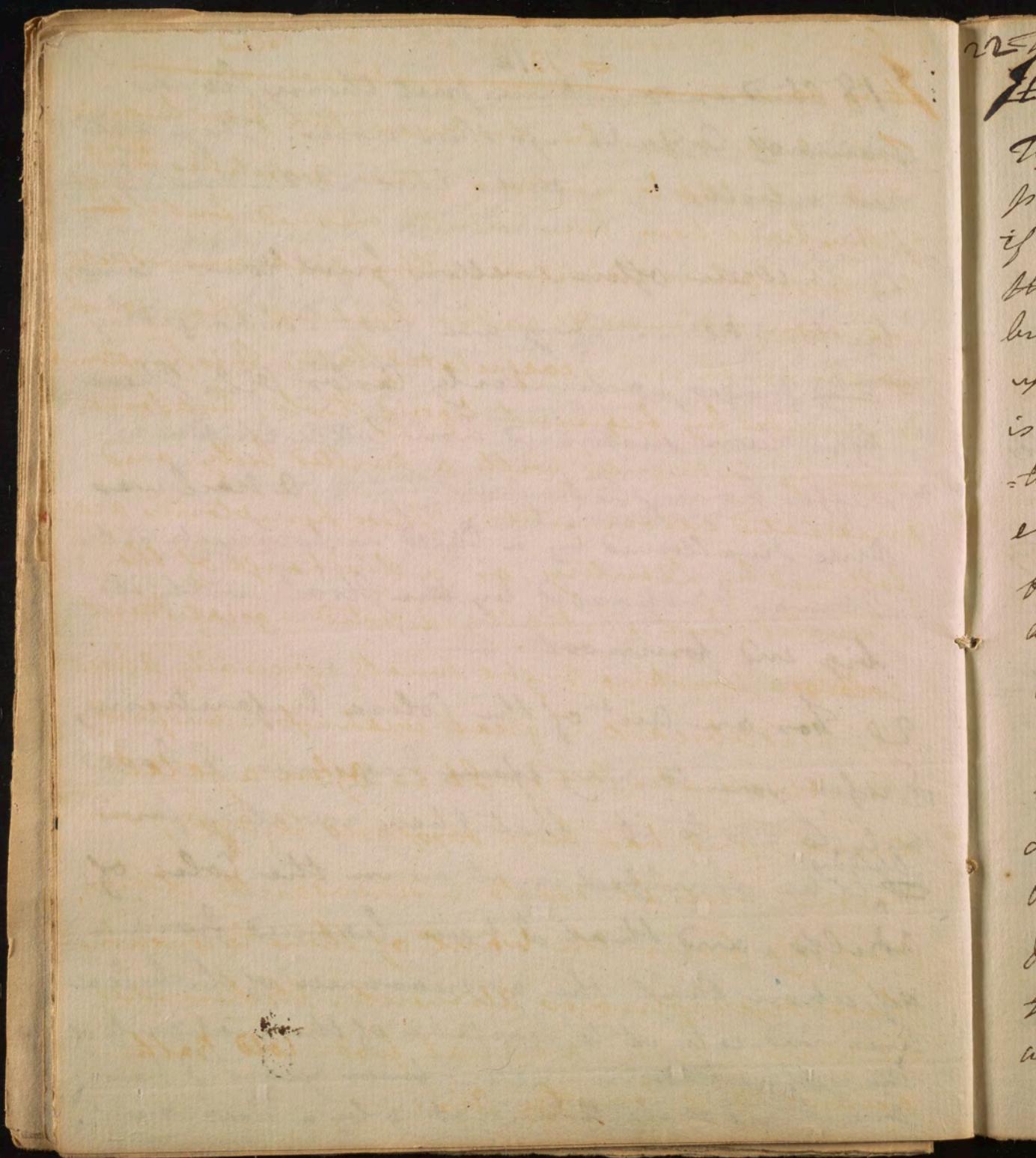
Should always, be taught to creep before they walk, by which means, they learn to protect their head, when they fall, by throwing out their hands. ~~such~~ a fall on the head <sup>is</sup> trifling, but its bad consequences be considered as ~~insufficient~~, but its bad effects shd. always be obviated, by Ds. - purges, & low diet. There is less danger when blackness, or inflammation or swelling, follows it, or when it is attended with a wound, - than when none of those consequences follow it. In the cartilaginous state of the skull, it is wonderful to observe how little Children suffer from falls upon it. ~~Injuries to the head or~~ Injuries to the limbs are seldom so dangerous, - they are chiefly so, when they affect the hip joint, where they often bring on <sup>may be</sup> incurable lameness and death. ~~both~~ Both to be prevented by treating it as a Rheumatism by Ds. - purges - low diet - & rest. all stimulat<sup>g</sup> applications to it are hurtful. -

21 Children in common with adults  
are subject to the bilious Colic. It some  
-times blends itself with the Colic or Inflam-  
-mation or Colic or Colic or Colic of Children. It may  
be known by <sup>their</sup> constant cries & <sup>the twisting</sup>  
of the bodies. ~~of Child~~ <sup>the warm bath</sup> The Remedies are purges  
bleeding, injurious and blisters.

18 Children sometimes put Cherry stones, grains of Coffee &c up their noses. They are best extracted by a probe bent at the end.

19 Children often swallow fruit stones - coins, buttons &c - . They are best discharged by big purges particularly Castor Oil. I have often been surprised how little children suffer from such accidents. A nail was once swallowed by a Child in Connecticut. It was discharged by the stool with its big end foremost. —

20 For an out<sup>r</sup> of the Colera Infantum, I refer you to my spare Inquiries. I have only to add to it - that I have repeatedly found ~~bleeding~~ to be as useful in it as in the Colic of Adults, and that I have learned from a dissection that the appearance of the bile & liver indicate it to partake of the malignity of the yellow fever in yellow fever years. I have once heard of its terminating by a black vomit.



22 There is a disease among Children called  
It is sometimes followed by a disease called the  
~~13.~~  
Tubes infantilis. In this disease, they first become  
pale - listless & inactive. Their appetites fail,  
if they have been recently weaned, but if ~~they~~<sup>not</sup>  
the appetite is voracious. They suck immediately,  
but soon afterwards rather belch up, than vomit  
up the milk in a ~~coagulated~~ state. This symptom is  
succeeded by frequent liquid stools, but sometimes  
by constipation with a swelled belly, and  
emaciated extremities. These symptoms are  
followed by diarrhea, or a discharge of the  
aliment but partially digested - great thirst -  
cachexia wasting right heats, especially about  
the head & breast - great weakness. - and finally  
the Hippocratic face". It is often a fatal  
disease, and has been supposed to arise from  
worms, but it exists independantly of them, and  
possibly from the want of them to consume by  
this voracious aliment. Its Remedies  
are wine - Borsch - animal food - cold Bath -  
exercise and Country Air. —

## V of the Catarrh of Children

This Disease is sometimes  
epidemic from the insensible Qualities of  
the Air, but is more commonly the effect  
of the alternate Action of heat & cold. Its  
Remedies should be 1 Bleeding - more copious  
than in a disease of the same force in Adults,  
first because <sup>little or</sup> no aid is reducing the System  
can be derived from sweating & 2<sup>nd</sup> because they  
are unable to relieve their lungs by expecta-  
-ting the phlegm which the Disease accumu-  
-lates in them, 2 metu. They should be  
repeated two or three times 3<sup>rd</sup> prunes & demul-  
-cent Drinks - Blisters & Cataplasms of onions  
to  $\frac{1}{2}$  their feet.

As they carry the blood to the head, they are  
more disposed to aphætic congestions & their  
Consequences, than Adults.

23 There is a disease called by Dr. Underwood (who is the only author that has described it), Erysipelas infantilis. It occurs within the mouth, and until children are a year old. It affects the arms - legs - hips - & trunk & often passes suddenly from one part of the body to another. I have now & then met with it, - It is often fatal; but it has lately yielded to <sup>Burns o</sup> ~~bleeding~~ and Antiphlogistic remedies. Erysipelas infantilis.

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234 ~~Has I have already treated of the subject  
internus. I have no time to do so.~~ For many facts upon it not deliv.  
to my

in my lecture upon it, I refer you to my  
Eng. ~~Observations~~ of the Hydrocephalus internus,  
or Epilepsia infantilis and Cynanche trachialis.  
It remains only now to make a few  
remarks upon worms & ~~for an acc<sup>o</sup> of my~~  
~~opinions~~ I have said in my Eng. and  
the ~~last~~ <sup>last</sup> meets. They are the round

~~Opinions are suspended, but they are the round  
worms the Theria or long worms & the  
Ascarides. <sup>the Gracilis & longus</sup> the round worms~~

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Vagoesphy - Epilepsy - Hydrocephalus internum -  
Petun - Convulsions - Shrieks - Startings in Sleep -  
- efforts to Swallow especially in Sleep - obtuse  
pain in the side - dry cough - frothy expectoration  
with a low unequal pulse - Pinguitas - Cardialgia -  
nausea - vomiting - Diarrhaea - costiveness - colic -  
Colerimosis - Heavy Stools with a sudden  
inclination to go to Stool - banding the belly -  
dilated pupils - swelling of lower eyelid -  
lying on the belly - and a sudden appearance  
& disappearance of a swelling in the belly - an  
appearance of Chyle in the Urine - picking the  
nose - a cows breath - a slow absent - and  
intervalling pulse & preternatural heat - a  
pulsing in one cheek - atrophy - swelling of the  
Ala nasi, and upper lip - <sup>& moist skin & contracted</sup> These morbid affections  
are said to be symptoms of worms - but they  
are often primary diseases - The worms are only  
this remote cause, and hence we find many of  
them exist after the worms are discharged from the  
body; after all - the discharge of worms is the  
only sign of them on which we can place full  
dependance, but even this does not prove, they  
are a cause of a disease, for we often observe them

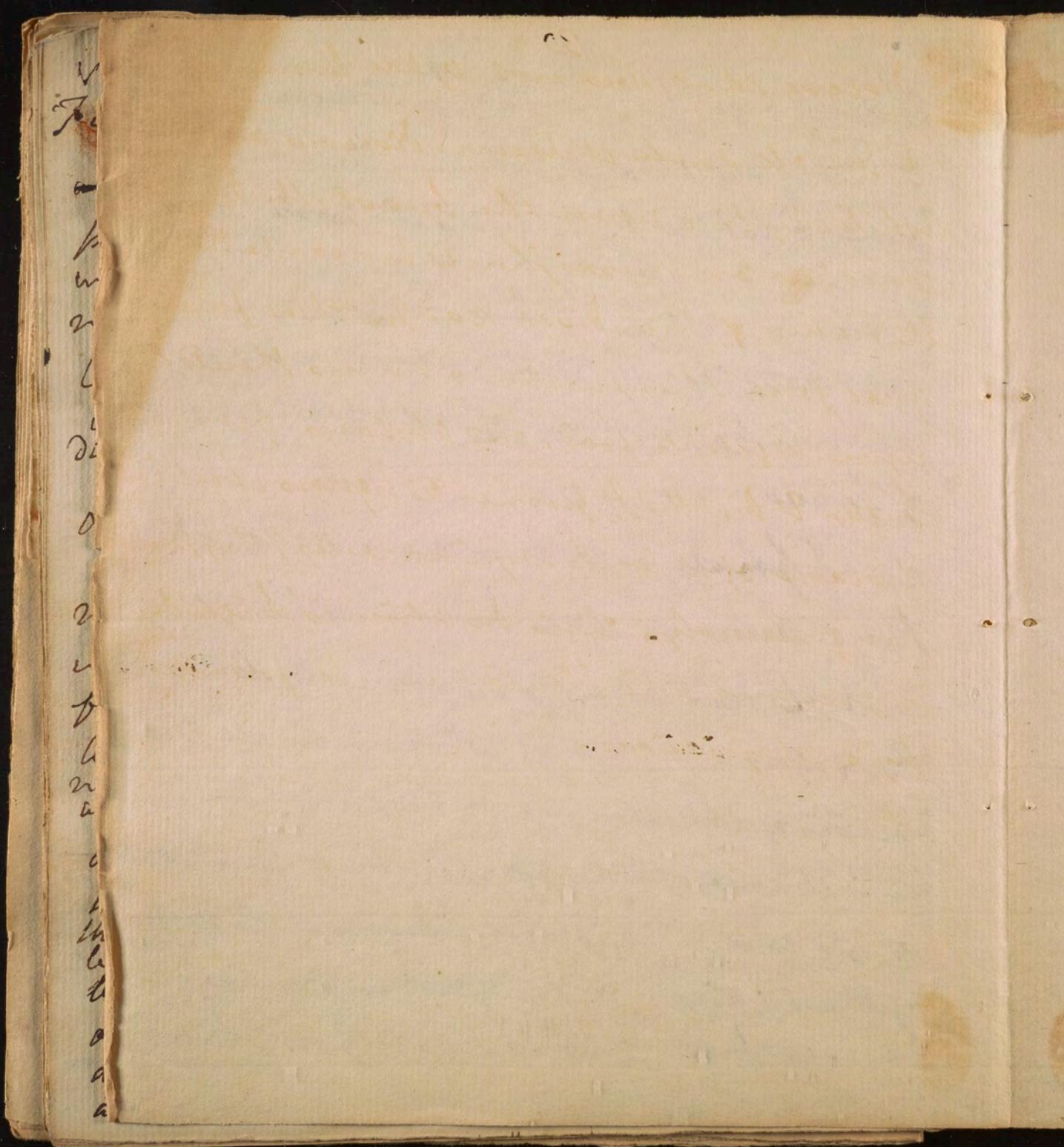
to discharge fragments of <sup>it</sup> for several years  
since, but seldom feels any inconvenience  
from it while he is using the ~~sooty~~ Iron.

### The Ascarides

are seated chiefly in the Rectum, and are to be  
removed by injections of Salt & Water <sup>or</sup>, infusions  
of Tobacco.

I shall only two remarks to this  
short account of the diseases of children.

1 It has been common to advise  
physicians to suspect worms in all the  
diseases of children. I do not wish to lessen  
the influence of this advice, but permit me  
to add to it, - suspect likewise the dryness  
of the brain. It is often a primary  
disease, but there is scarcely a child's



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disease that does not often terminate it.

2 In all such children's diseases as occur while they live upon the breast, the diet of the mothers or nurses should be regulated by the nature of their diseases. In their fits of great force, their mothers & nurses should live upon vegetable food, and abstain from butter & distilled & fermented liquors, but in diseases of a contrary character, they should live generously. This direction is highly important and should never be forgotten by a physician.

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